

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1006 without my signature.

While I support access to technology in schools, this bill is unnecessary since the existing California School Technology Survey (Survey) already collects data on educational technology access. The current Survey could be modified to collect additional data, if necessary, without resulting in increased costs to both schools and the state.

Finally, it appears inconsistent for the Legislature to approve this bill to mandate the collection of technology data, while denying funding for the existing K-12 High Speed Network during the 2005 budget process. Instead of creating another unfunded state mandate, as this bill would do, the Legislature should be working to continue funding for the K-12 High Speed Network so that schools would not lose access to the technology currently available to them.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger